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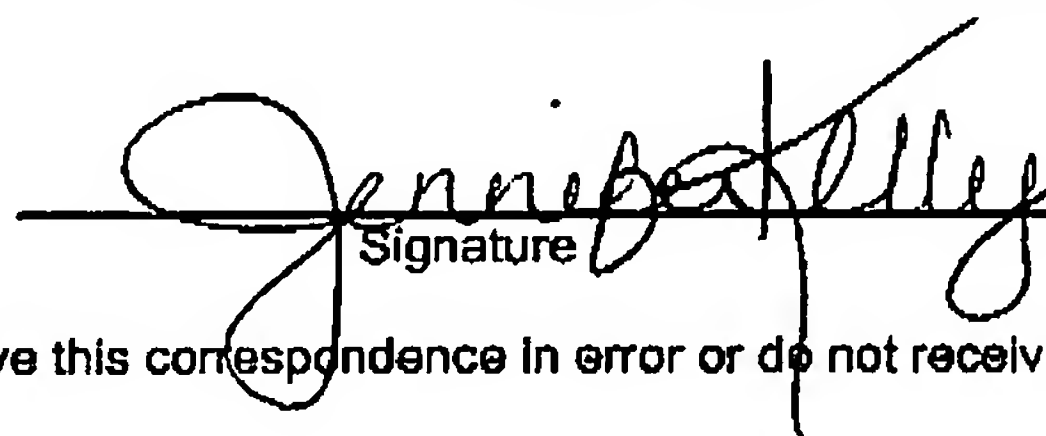
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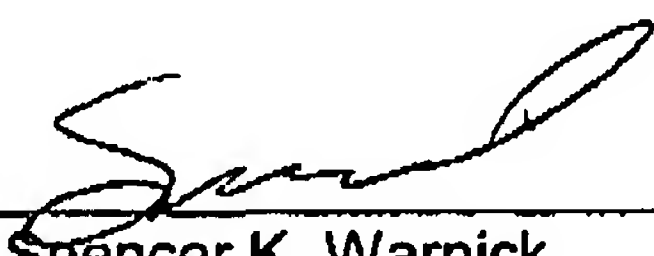
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TOTAL CLAIMS	13	MINUS	20	0	\$50	\$0				
INDEP. CLAIMS	2	MINUS	3	0	\$200	\$0				
<p>_____ Petition is hereby made under 37 CFR 1.136(a) to extend the time for response to the Office Action of <u>12/14/2005</u> to and through _____, comprising an extension of the shortened statutory period of:</p> <table><tbody><tr><td>_____ one month (\$120.00)</td><td>_____ three months (\$1,020.00)</td></tr><tr><td>_____ two months (\$450.00)</td><td>_____ four months (\$1,590.00)</td></tr></tbody></table>							_____ one month (\$120.00)	_____ three months (\$1,020.00)	_____ two months (\$450.00)	_____ four months (\$1,590.00)
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<p>_____ Small entity status of this application under 37 CFR 1.9 and 1.27 has been established by a verified statement previously submitted.</p> <p>_____ A check in the amount of \$_____ is attached.</p> <p>_____ Charge \$_____ to Deposit Account _____.</p> <p><u>X</u> No additional fee is required.</p> <p><u>March 14, 2006</u> Date</p> <p> Spencer K. Warnick Reg. No. 40,398</p>										

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## AMENDMENT

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## I. INTRODUCTORY COMMENTS

This paper is being filed in response to the Office Action dated December 14, 2005.

Please amend the above-referenced patent application as follows: